

Benevento: the Apostolic Movement's catecheses

In the s. Adiutore parish, at Cervinara, in the Benevento Archdiocese, were inaugurated the organic, systematic and permanent catecheses of the Apostolic Movement. The Metropolitan Archbishop Monsignor Andrea Mugione was the one to preside the solemn Eucharistic co-celebration; who with big joy greeted all the adherents and the priests present. For the pastoral year 2006-2007 the catecheses will reflect on the theme: «The joy of the faith and the education of the young generations», re-read in the light of the Gospel of the Day of the Lord.

Commenting the readings proposed by the liturgy, Monsignor Mugione presented the believers a theological and Marian reflection. «If the Lord – the Bishop said – to uplift and heal the wounds of humanity right from the start thought of a woman, we must recognise that our debt towards Mary is much too big», Mary is the Mother of the Redemption, since she is in the heart of the Church and collaborated with Jesus to redeem humanity. «There is neither incarnation nor redemption – the Bishop affirmed – without Mary. Where there is Mary there is Christ and where Mary is missing Christ is missing; that is why as Paolo VI used to say: “One is a Christian because he is Marian and the more we are Marian the more we are Christians”».

A strong message that the Apostolic Movement fully lives, always invoking the help and intercession of the Mother of the Redemption with the Holy Rosary in order to contemplate the amiable face of Jesus. «I wish you – Monsignor Mugione concluded – that in the catechesis of this year, which insists on the transmitting of the faith to the own sons and to the young generations, all this may be easier and possible with the prayer of this Celestial Mother».